



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## **Ending Homelessness in the District**

### **Closing DC General: Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 5**

The District of Columbia has a plan to end homelessness – and that includes closing DC General, the city’s largest family shelter. Experts, community leaders, and current and former residents agree that DC General is not a good place for families. It’s too big, too old and geographically removed from the services that families experiencing homelessness need to exit shelter.

In order to close DC General, the Bowser Administration and DC Council are advancing a plan to open up short-term family housing in every single ward. These facilities will be small, safe and dignified – with the services and supports that help families get back on their feet.

#### **Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 5**

After a thorough search, the District’s Department of General Services has secured a site for short-term family housing in Ward 5 at 2266 25th Place, NE. The facility will accommodate up to 50 families at a time.

The Ward 5 short-term family housing facility will develop a currently vacant property. In addition to building a modern, new building that will retain the look and feel of the neighborhood, the development will create ample parking for the facility’s residents.

The facility will offer private rooms for families, as well as:

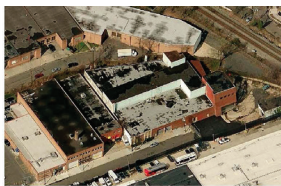
- Playground & recreation space
- Computer lab for residents
- Homework lounge
- On-site clinic
- Ongoing support services & programming for families

Following is an architect’s rendering of what the site may look like. Exact design specifications are subject to change as development moves forward.



Construction of the site will begin in early 2017, and the facility is expected to be complete by early 2018.

## Short-Term Family Housing in Ward 5



1 AERIAL VIEW - ROOF AND VICINITY



2 STREET VIEW - EAST FACADE



3 NORTH FACADE



4 EAST FACADE



5 SHED SOUTH FACADE



6 EAST FACADE



7 ROOF NORTH VIEW

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